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need for the other roads, rebuild them and keep them in proper condition to use. This is the place where the person who uses the automobile pays and he only pays once in four years. It is a total of 50¢ a year for these plates. Let's talk about, just a moment, the price of steel. Last year, last fall, we were talking about the cost of road building on the Transportation Committee, of which I was a member at that time, and the cost during 1974, the price of steel increased 95% in that short period of 74 and I don't know just how correct those figures were when we were talking about the cost of road building and so we are talking about the cost of automobile license plates. I would think that Senator Marvel could inform us of what the cost of the license plates was 10 years ago and 5 years ago and a year ago and now. This is the only proper solution of \$2 per each four years, the time the plates are issued, which would be a total of \$16 and certainly we can't quibble about a 50¢ a year increase on the motor vehicle registration fees and this is over and above the fifteen and a half by the tune of \$2 for four years, unless this body sometime changes and need to go to two years and we will cross that bridge when we get to it. But at this time, it is the man who uses the road, the man or woman who uses the road pays this and we have already passed a bill in this body that if you lose or damage or make your plates so that they can't be read, that that fee is \$5. It used to be a dollar and that was a money-losing proposition. So the figures that Senator Stull gave you and the increase, the great increase in steel, makes it mandatory that we adopt Senator Stull's amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, there is one question that occurs to me that I would like to get straightened out for the purpose of record and I wonder if Senator Stull would yield.

SENATOR STULL: Yes sir.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Senator Stull, the reference that is made here is on all number license plates. Is there any chance that that could be interpreted by anyone to apply to trailer plates? For example, we have got these \$1 X trailer plates that are issued. Is it your intention to make it apply to trailer plates or only to automobile plates? Is there any way that that language can be made to apply to trailer plates?

SENATOR STULL: It was my intent...you see, the section of the bill that we are amending is 63-011 and that refers to the people who operate the motor vehicle. Now it goes on to include plates issued to dealers, of motorcycles, truck tractors, semi-trailers and buses. It would cover all of them, Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: So it would include the trailers, too. So that means, then, that if somebody's...I think the fee on these X trailer plates is \$1. That would mean they would be paying \$3 instead \$1, is that correct?

SENATOR STULL: Well, now they only get one plate, don't they?